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ITEM NO: 2

DATE: 8 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: BANGLADESH--CABINET RESIGNATIONS

PRIME MINISTER RAHMAN FORCED SIX CABINET MINISTERS AND THREE MINISTERS OF STATE TO RESIGN YESTERDAY, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFECTIVENESS AND RESTORE POPULAR CONFIDENCE IN HIS LEADERSHIP. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR GOVERNMENT SHAKEUP SINCE BANGLADESH ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE IN LATE 1971. FURTHER RESIGNATIONS AND/OR A RESTRUCTURING OF THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE IN THE OFFING.

ALTHOUGH THE RESIGNATIONS REMOVE SOME DEADWOOD FROM THE CABINET, THE ALTERATIONS WILL MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE AS LONG AS MUJIB IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE FIRM LEADERSHIP AND IMPOSE THE

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